

**PUBLIC MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**AUGUST 9, 2022
DELRAN, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Sunshine Statement: Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on March 1, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Burrell were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Catrambone, Mayor, Mr. Bellina, Administrator, Ms. Eggers, Township Clerk, Ms. Rizzuto, Solicitor

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mr. Catrambone presented veteran, Todd Epperly with a proclamation for his service in the US Navy.

ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2022-16**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARY RANGES FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Township does hereby establish the following salaries for the employees serving in the following position:

POSITIONS	2022	2023	Pay Period
Summer Help	\$13.00-\$25.00 PER HOUR	\$13.00-\$25.00 PER HOUR	Bi-Weekly

Section II Repeal – All Ordinances or part of Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section III Adoption – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final adoption and publication according to law. This ordinance is retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor, motion approved.

There were no comments.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to close the public portion seconded by Mr. Smith. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyon to adopt Ordinance 2022-16 on second reading.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 4

Nays: None

Motion Approved

DISCUSSION TO FILL VACANCY FOR WARD 1 COUNCIL

Mr. Burrell reported that Council will accept the written resignation of Ward 1 Council member, Virginia M. Parejo effective July 29, 2022. He then acknowledged a written letter from the Democratic County Committee dated August 4, 2022 presenting the names of three nominees to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Parejo.

Mr. Burrell stated that Council has seen and discussed the three nominations. Mr. Jeney pronounced that after reviewing the resumes of each person, he would like to nominate Nikki Apeadu as Council's next member. Mr. Lyon seconded the nomination.

Resolution 2022-145 Appointing Nikki Apeadu to fill the Council Vacancy effective on August 9, 2022 and through and including December 31, 2022

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to adopt Resolution 2022-145.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell

Ayes :4

Nays: None

Motion Approved:

Mayor Catrambone administered the Oath of Office to Nikki Apeadu. Mrs. Apeadu joined the meeting at this time. He then thanked Ms. Parejo for her hard work and presented her with flowers.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Resolution 2022-146** Ratifying the Contract Between the Delran Patrolman’s Association and the Township of Delran.
- b. **Resolution 2022-147** Authorizing 2022-2023 Liquor License Renewals.
- c. **Resolution 2022-148** Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use Through Municibid (As Authorized by State Contract T-2581)
- d. **Resolution 2022-149** Authorizing Close Out Change Order and Final Payment to Lexa Concrete, LLC for the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program.
- e. **Resolution 2022-150** Appointing Joseph B. Bellina as Contact Person and Jamey Eggers as additional Contact Person for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
- f. **Resolution 2022-151** Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – 2021 Body Worn Camera Grant Program
- g. Authorizing the Payment of Bills including all purchases made under the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- h. Accepting the report of the CFO including the June YTD Revenue Report, YTD Budget Report and June Check Register.
- i. Accepting the report of the Tax Collector and Township Clerk
- j. Granting a mercantile license to:
 - Family Wheels, LLC, 207-3 Carriage Lane
 - Onset Personnel Classic Cars, LLC, 207A-15 Carriage Lane
 - Delran BP, 8002 Route 130
- k. Appointing Dana Leone and Kara Bottino to the Chicken Advisory Board for terms to expire December 31, 2023.

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeney to adopt the above Consent Agenda.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

- a. Silvia Gorostiza as Chairwoman of the Chicken Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2023.
- b. Amy O'Donnell to the Green Team for a term to expire December 31, 2023.

REPORTS

Emergency Services – No report as personnel had to leave the meeting due to an emergency.

Mr. Bellina – Mr. Bellina reported that the 2022 road improvement program will include work on Notre Dame, Edgewood, Fordham and Howard will go to bid within a week with work starting in October/November.

Ms. Eggers – No report

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone congratulated Airman Todd Epperly. He also thanked Mr. Jeney for his dedication to our veterans. Mr. Catrambone also congratulated Mrs. Apeadu.

Mr. Catrambone reported that on August 5th, he joined Senator Singleton at Delran Middle School for the last stop on his Summer Lunch Tour which addresses food insecurity. He instructed anyone in the township experiencing hardship or food insecurity to contact his office for resources.

Mr. Catrambone explained that the township solicitor has started the claim process against Republic Services, the township's trash collection company. The trash company has an opportunity to fix the issues preventing timely trash pick-up. Penalties and fines will continue. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss Republic's plans to honor the terms of their contract with the township. Ms. Rizzuto stated that some kind of resolution will come within the next 35 days.

Mr. Catrambone reported that he is happy to announce that the Office of Planning Advocacy has presented us with a certificate stipulating that Delran Township has achieved plan endorsement. This certifies that our township plan is consistent with the NJ state master plan for the next ten years. It provides us with technical assistance from Burlington County and other agencies within NJ. It may also have the potential for funding opportunities through the state. Certain criteria need to be met and maintained and he thanked Deb Hammond and the Green Team for their help with moving forward in the area of sustainability which was a large part of that process.

Ms. Rizzuto – Ms. Rizzuto stated that we will amend Resolution 2022-152 to add contract negotiations for the sale of an affordable housing condominium unit.

Mrs. Apeadu – Mrs. Apeadu thanked the committee and everyone who supported her to be part of the council. She looks forward to working in her community.

Mr. Smith – Mr. Smith congratulated Airman Todd Epperly for his service. He also thanked Ms. Parejo for her service. He will miss her. Mr. Smith welcomed Mrs. Apeadu. He also asked residents to be watchful of athletes traveling to and from practice in the mornings and evenings.

Mr. Jeney – Mr. Jeney also congratulated Mr. Todd Epperly and Mrs. Apeadu. He announced that at 6:30 PM, tomorrow, August 10th, there is a picnic and geocaching at Delran Community Park, sponsored by the Green Team. For more information you can access the Sustainable Delran Facebook page. On August 24th the program, Everything Water will be held at Delran Community Park. On August 29th, you can meet Mayor Catrambone at DCP. He will be sharing information and listening to residents.

Mr. Lyon – Mr. Lyon congratulated Todd Epperly. He stated that he thought Delran Night Out was a huge success and he congratulated everyone involved in the night. Mr. Lyon informed residents that they should call with any trash issues. He also welcomed Ms. Apeadu to Council and thanked Virginia for everything that she has done for the township.

Mr. Burrell – Mr. Burrell thanked Ms. Parejo for her service and welcomed Ms. Apeadu. He thanked everyone involved in Delran Night Out. Early counts reported four to five thousand people at the event.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to open the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

Barbara Littleton, Delran – Ms. Littleton asked who the other two candidates were for the vacant council position. Mr. Burrell responded, Bill Cowan and Colin Rafferty.

Ms. Littleton questioned Mr. Catrambone about which ordinance mentions that the mayor can higher a secretary. Mr. Catrambone stated that he will locate that information.

Ms. Littleton asked if the township communications plan is part of the township plan. Mr. Catrambone explained that it's the first time Delran has had a communications director and the township is working on the plan which includes social media rules and regulations. Ms. Littleton asked if the contact tab on the website is monitored. Mr. Burrell and Mr. Catrambone both commented that it is. Mr. Catrambone explained there are contact forms that are very specific to the issues being reported. Ms. Littleton questioned whether recommendations from the communications committee were incorporated into the communications plan. She also proposed expanding the methods for communicating.

Ms. Littleton asked if the fines we are billing Republic for trash removal issues are the maximum amount we can charge. Mr. Burrell explained that while it takes time to process and issue the fines,

we are charging the most that we can.

Patrick Duff, Haddon Heights – Mr. Duff congratulated Ms. Apeadu.

Mr. Duff asked if there is a protocol at the township regarding not clicking links from unknown email addresses. Mr. Catrambone responded that there is. Mr. Duff asked how Mr. Catrambone found out about the blog which accused him of faking cancer. He accused the mayor of clicking on a link from an unknown email. Mr. Catrambone explained that happened a year ago and he doesn't remember how he accessed the blog. Ms. Rizzuto told Mr. Duff that he has already filed a lawsuit regarding this issue and it isn't appropriate to discuss it at a council meeting. Mr. Duff responded that it was appropriate and using his right to freedom of speech, has made a difference by uncovering problems in the township. He stated that Delran Night Out was a great event. In closing, he feels that there should be an investigation into who wrote the blog that accused him of faking cancer.

Colin Rafferty, 206 Chestnut Street – Mr. Rafferty thanked Ms. Parejo for serving in Ward 1. On behalf of the RAC, he thanked Council and the mayor's office for their support and Joe Bellina for all of his hard work.

Lois Jewell, Bentwood Drive – Ms. Jewell reported that Bentwood Drive is in bad shape. She asked how the decision is made regarding which roads are paved. Mr. Burrell explained that the township engineer and the public works director go around town and assess the condition of the roads. Mr. Burrell declared that we have an aggressive road program and we will look at Bentwood.

Candy Cure, Dewberry Lane – Ms. Cure thanked Council and the mayor's office for trying to take some affirmative action regarding the trash service. She welcomed Mrs. Apeadu and thanked Ms. Parejo. She also thanked Colin, Tyler and everyone else who participated in Delran Night Out and stated that it really matters to the community.

Christine Etsell, 8 River Drive – Ms. Etsell stated that she has always had a puddle in front of her house. Since the repaving of River Drive the puddle has been even worse. Mr. Winckowski, the municipal engineer inspected it and stated that in the Spring it would be corrected. The work was done again and it's worse than ever. Mr. Bellina reported that he spoke with the engineer and an application was made to the state to redo Stewart Avenue and also fix the issue on River Road.

Mr. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeney to close the meeting to the public for any questions. All were in favor; the motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mr. Burrell asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-152 authorizing the executive session.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2022-152

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – REPUBLIC SERVICES TRASH CONTRACT—
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – THE SALE OF 133 FOXGLOVE DRIVE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10-4.6 et seq. (Open Public Meeting Act) provides for the exclusion of the public from public meeting for certain reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to close the work session meeting of August 9, 2022 for the following reason:

1. Contract Negotiations – Republic Services Trash Contract
2. Contract Negotiations – Sale of 133 Foxglove Drive

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting is closed for the reasons above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mr. Lyon made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeney.

Roll Call: Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Burrell voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

Mr. Jeney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution 2022-152.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mrs. Apeadu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jeney, and Mr. Burrell voted aye. Mr. Lyon abstained

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Abstain: 1

Motion Approved

Mr. Lyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Apeadu. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers
Municipal Clerk